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SUBJECT: CSCE: ROMANIAN PROPOSAL FOR ADAPTATION OF DOMESTIC
LEGISLATION

REF: A. HELSINKI 0616; B. HELSINKI 0630; C. HELSINKI 0650

FROM USDEL MPT

1. USDEL WOULD WELCOME ANY BACKGROUND OR ANALYSIS INR CAN PROVIDE CONCERNING PROBABLE INTENTIONS UNDERLYING PROPOSAL FLOATED BY ROMANIANS (REF A) AND SOVIETS (REF B) FOR ADAPTATION OF DOMESTIC LEGISLATION AS ONE OF " CONCRETE MEASURES" DESIGNED TO FACILITATE GOALS OF MAINTAINING SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE.

2. AS REPORTED REF C, BOTH SOVIETS AND ROMANIANS WERE AT PAINS AT MARCH 12 WORKING GROUP MEETING TO BACK OFF FROM IMPLICATION DRAWN BY SEVERAL NATO DELEGATIONS THAT THIS PROPOSAL ENVISAGED ANYTHING SO FAR- REACHING AS IMPOSING OBLIGATIONS UPON PARTICIPATINGSTATES TO BRING INTERNAL
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LEGISLATION INTO HARMONY WITH DECISIONS OF CSCE. ASIDE FROM THIS, HOWEVER, THEY HAVE OFFERED NO FURTHER CLARIFICATION AS TO WHAT THEY HAVE IN MIND. IN CORRIDOR CONVERSATIONS, ROMANIANS HAVE AVOIDED SPECIFICS AND SOUGHT TO DOWN- PLAY SIGNIFICANCE OF PROPOSAL.

3. CONCEIVABLY BOTH ROMANIANS AND SOVIETS MAY SEE THIS AS DEVICE TO STRENGTHEN THEIR DEMANDS FOR " NON- DISCRIMINATORY" ECONOMIC TREATMENT FROM BOTH US AND EEC (I. E. EXTENSION OF MFN IN US CASE). OTHER LINES OF REASONING ARE ALSO POSSIBLE, HOWEVER, AND IF SUFFICIENT MATERIAL IS AVAILABLE, INR STUDY WOULD BE USEFUL AS BACKGROUND FOR FURTHER PROBING.
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